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Study gets green light

PORTAGE AND MAIN

First step to reopening intersection to pedestrians



Colin Fast
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A proposal to reopen Portage and Main to pedestrians has taken a step forward after the city's downtown development committee approved a motion to start work on a traffic study for the area.

Aside from the odd hockey-related street party, the intersection has been closed to pedestrians since 1979 under a legal agreement with building owners at all four corners.

Committee members met with city staff behind closed doors Friday to get legal advice on whether council could begin

to plan for a potential reopening after the agreement expires in 2019.

"We didn't hear anything that would cause us to stop a study, so we're going to go forward to look at the traffic," explained Coun. Brian Mayes afterwards.

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi said the celebration on Thursday night after the Jets made the playoffs is symbolic of the connection Winnipeggers still have with the iconic intersection.

"People went down to Portage and Main to celebrate," she said.

Coun. Jeff Browaty did not share Gerbasi's enthusiasm for the plan. He voted against the motion and raised concerns about traffic congestion.

"There aren't really alternatives for vehicles other than Main Street and Portage Avenue," he said.

The traffic study still needs to be approved by EPC and council before work begins on determining how to get pedestrians safely across the busy intersection.



Getting ready for the whiteout

Nicky Chabluk was one of thousands of Winnipeg Jets fans who lined up for white merchandise after a trademark "whiteout" was announced for their team's home playoff games. Story, page 4. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS




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Committee rejects plan for new Earls on Main



TOP: An artist's rendering of the project. HANDOUT; ABOVE: Susan MacDougall outlines the new Earls on Main proposal to the city's downtown development committee. COLIN FAST/FOR METRO

CITY HALL

City staff say the proposal doesn't meet standards



Colin Fast
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The city's downtown development committee turned up its nose at a proposal for a new Earls Kitchen and Bar on Main Street, and asked the chain to cook up a new development for the site.

Earls had asked the committee to approve a plan to build a new restaurant on a parking lot north of its current location, landscape its surface parking lot, and redevelop its existing building for another use, possibly a bank.

While planning staff praised Earls for its high-quality design and choice of materials, they said the proposed building was too short and contained too much surface parking to comply with the city's recently revised

downtown development guidelines.

"If we deem that this is appropriate and acceptable on Main Street, it will be hard for us to turn down a Dollarama that wants to build a one-storey location," said planner Kurtis Kowalke. "It's a beautiful piece of architecture, but is it downtown architecture?"

Susan MacDougall, architect for the project, pointed out the new restaurant would reduce the current number of surface parking spaces by 50 per cent and add park-like landscaping, a small public plaza on Main

Street and a giant parrot statue at the front entrance.

But that wasn't enough to sway the committee, which deadlocked in a two-two vote on whether to approve the height and parking variances. According to city procedure, that means the development cannot proceed.

Committee members urged Earls to come up with a new mixed-use development plan that includes a larger building and less visible parking.

3.25M

According to the restaurant, since it opened in 1994, Earls on Main has served 3.25 million customers.

IN BRIEF

Section of skywalk closed indefinitely

Jets fans used to using the skywalk to get to and from games may have to make new plans for Saturday's game after a section of the system was closed this week for repairs.

The skywalk between the Delta Hotel and the RBC Convention Centre will be closed until further notice after the city said Friday "signs of movement" were detected around a door frame.

The skywalk will remain closed while further assessment is done to determine the full extent of the required repairs.

METRO

Man with cat approaches children near park

Winnipeg police say a suspicious man toting along a feline friend approached children near Kingston Park on Thursday.

Police said two sisters, seven and 10, were playing at Kingston Park at about 7:15 p.m. According to police, a man in a pickup called the children over, showing them a cat and asking them to help him find the kitty's home.

At that point, a parent ran over and began asking questions, and the man sped off in the truck. The truck is described as a red, compact two-door pickup with a Winnipeg Fire Paramedic licence plate. Police are looking for a white man in his 40s with a medium build and a dark jacket.

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CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

Teen found beaten was reported missing

Police now say a 15-year-old girl in Child and Family Services care found beaten and sexually assaulted near a downtown parkade earlier this month had previously been reported missing.

A day after the attack a police spokesperson said the victim had been found 11 minutes before she was reported missing from a downtown hotel where she and her accused attacker had been placed in temporary care through CFS.

The attack happened near the Cityplace parkade on Hargrave Street in the early mor-

ning hours of April 1. Police have charged a 15-year-old boy with aggravated assault and aggravated sexual assault in the case.

Police released little information Friday about why they originally said the victim hadn't been reported missing, saying in a release only that "further investigation has revealed that the WPS also received a call from a CFS worker, before the victim was assaulted, reporting the victim missing."

Police said the investigation continues. METRO



A police officer walks from the scene where a 15-year-old girl was found beaten earlier this month. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO FILE

IN BRIEF

Chief urges drivers to play it safe during the playoffs

Playoff hockey is coming to Winnipeg, and that means drivers should be wary of crossing the Portage Avenue and Main Street intersection on game nights.

"We understand people want to celebrate and we're doing our best to do that, but let's do it in a safe and legal manner," said Police Chief Devon Clunis.

The intersection is a popular muster point for celebrating Jets fans, and police plan to continue to block it off if crowds gather there. EVA WASNEY/FOR METRO

Plan aims to reduce crime, focus on well-being of police

The police board has approved the WPS' new four-pronged strategic plan, titled A Culture of Safety for All.

The four-year plan aims to lessen crime and victimization, better engage communities, improve service effectiveness and focus on the health and well-being of police officers.

The plan is based on public-opinion polls and the police board's analysis of the environment of policing in Winnipeg. EVA WASNEY/FOR METRO



Police Chief Devon Clunis says the force needs more time to report on protecting indigenous women and children. METRO FILE

'Words are one thing'

MISSING WOMEN

Report delayed as police board member says action needed

Eva Wasney
For Metro | Winnipeg

While Winnipeg police say protecting indigenous women and girls is a top priority, the public has seen little action, according to the police board that governs them.

That action is what families of Manitoba's missing and murdered aboriginal women need to improve relationships with police, said Winnipeg Police Board member Leslie Spillett on Friday. Members had hoped to see a status update about a police plan to better protect vulnerable women.

"Words are one thing, but action is what's really going to make a difference," said Spillett at the meeting, before complimenting the WPS on its increasing engagement with indigenous issues.

In December 2014, the police board outlined a strategy

for improving protection of vulnerable women, which includes quarterly status reports from the chief of police and the creation of an indigenous advisory committee.

The first report was scheduled for release at Friday's meeting but was pushed back until next month.

"We need sufficient time to have something substantial to bring forward," said Chief Devon Clunis.

The situation feels more urgent as more instances of violence against vulnerable women come to light, said Spillett.

"Between every board meet-

ing there's something horrific that happens," she said, referencing the recent downtown attack that left a 15-year-old girl in critical condition.

The Police Board has also committed to creating the Indigenous Advisory Council on Policing and Crime Prevention by June 2015.

"To hear from the indigenous community about what their needs are is vital for us to be successful in the future," said Clunis. "I think you need to be fully engaged with the community if you're going to provide effective service to the community."

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Jets fans pumped for playoff run

NHL

Big league playoff hockey returning to The 'Peg

Dave Baxter
For Metro

Winnipeg hockey fans are getting set for one wild ride, now that the Winnipeg Jets have officially punched their ticket to the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

The Jets may have lost 1-0 in a shootout to the Colorado Avalanche Thursday night in Denver, but thanks to a little help from the Calgary Flames who beat the Los Angeles Kings 3-1, the Jets will fight for the right to raise the Stanley Cup this spring.

Now the team and the city are preparing for their first NHL hockey playoff run — and the first Whiteout — since the first incarnation of the Jets left way back in 1996, and fans are definitely pumped for playoff hockey.

Their first-round series against the Anaheim Ducks opens Thursday in California.

"It's an amazing feeling," said Zac Chizda, while waiting in a long line on Friday at the Jets Gear store downtown to buy a Jets Whiteout shirt. "The boys worked really



Carly Stephen and Zac Chizda are ready to wear white, and pumped the Winnipeg Jets are about to play playoff hockey.

DAVE BAXTER/FOR METRO

hard all year so they deserve this."

Chizda's friend Carly Stephen was also waiting in line at Jets Gear Friday morning, and she could barely contain her excitement for what's coming.

"Insanely excited," she said. "I know this city is going to be crazy every time there is a game."

"I woke up happier this morning than I have ever woken up before. And I think the team will play hard because they know they have this whole

city behind them."

Jets fan Cole Lazaruk also picked up a Whiteout shirt Friday, and said fans should be excited about the possibility of the Jets making some noise in the playoffs.

"Our chances are good because everyone is afraid of us," said Lazaruk. "We've reached the next level, and we don't even know what we are in for yet."

The Jets say individual playoff tickets will go on sale on Tuesday at 10 a.m.

I think the team will play hard because they know they have this whole city behind them.
Carly Stephen

TRIAL

Witness tells courtroom his friend was hired to kill woman

The trial of a man charged with first-degree murder has been told accused Treyvonne Willis was hired by the boyfriend of Kaila Tran to kill her.

Tremaine Sam-Kelly, 21, testified last week that he and Willis had been hanging out together and doing drugs when Willis mentioned he was a drug dealer and owed about \$20,000 for drugs.

Sam-Kelly said a few days before Tran was fatally stabbed while on her way to work one morning, Willis told him he had to "rub somebody up in order to get paid," meaning he had to kill someone.

The young man said Willis told him the boyfriend wanted his girlfriend killed because she was a snitch.

Sam-Kelly testified that Willis asked him to be in the vicinity

of the apartment building to provide "emotional support" to him after the killing, and he agreed to do so because Willis "was my friend."

He said when Willis walked toward the woman, he put on some headphones but seconds later he could hear a woman screaming.

When Crown prosecutor Daniel Chaput asked Sam-Kelly what he thought was going to happen as he watched Willis walk toward the woman, he told court he didn't think his friend was actually going to kill anyone.

"Robbery's a lot different than murder," Sam-Kelly said. "I thought she was just going to get slapped around a little, then get jacked (robbed)."

Sam-Kelly said Willis told him he never got the money promised to him for the mur-

der. Text messages exchanged between the two in the days that followed show the two brainstorming ways to come up with a down payment on Willis's debt, including gambling, robbery, carjacking or borrowing money from Sam-Kelly's family members.

Under cross-examination, Sam-Kelly told the court he and Willis were high on drugs at the time.

Defence lawyer Ursula Goeres suggested Sam-Kelly was there for more than emotional support, and was the one that did the killing, but he denied the accusation.

Goeres suggested maybe the drugs had affected his memory of that day.

"I would know if I stabbed someone," he replied.

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GARDENING

Growing Healthy Lifestyles kicks off in Winnipeg



Winnipeg Harvest and the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) are teaming up to make sure city-dwelling youth know about the benefits of gardening and growing healthy food.

The national non-profit dedicated to fostering awareness and appreciation of nature launched its first Growing Healthy Lifestyles program at the Winnipeg food bank Friday.

"Growing Healthy Lifestyles is basically place-based learning," explained Kenneth Beattie, horticulture manager with the CWF. "It's adults and youth conversing and learning about where food comes from, the sacredness of food and the right to food."

"Plus they're growing it so it's just pulling all of those really good points together."

Youth who take part in the program — which will be rolled out in other Canadian cities after its first run in Winnipeg — will spend time learning the fundamentals of gardening in Harvest's training centre and then practice the skills they learn at the food



Kenneth Beattie, horticulture manager with the Canadian Wildlife Federation, speaks at the launch of the Growing Healthy Lifestyles program at Winnipeg Harvest Friday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

bank's large community garden throughout the summer. After planting, tending and harvesting their veggies participants get to prepare them in Harvest's commercial kitchen.

Then the young students will become the teachers, explained Beattie, taking the things they learned to inner city youth clubs and inner city public gardens and schools to teach other young people about gardening and healthy foods.

"It's youth for youth," said Beattie.

"It's very simple life lessons ... and if they learn to look at nature in an urban context and learn to love it, they'll carry that on for the rest of their lives."

Winnipeg Harvest executive director, David Northcott said the non-profit is proud to be the first food bank in Canada to offer the program.

"Winnipeg Harvest has always tried to be a leader in promoting food security in our province, and we are a strong proponent of community gardening initiatives," he said in a release.

"We look forward to our youth becoming future gardeners and encouraging food sustainability."

It's very simple life lessons ... and if they learn to look at nature in an urban context and learn to love it, they'll carry that on for the rest of their lives.

Kenneth Beattie, horticulture manager with the Canadian Wildlife Federation

LOTTERY

\$1M winner eyes retirement

A Winnipeg man's retirement may come a little sooner than he expected after winning \$1 million on a scratch-and-win ticket late last month.

Donald Rice got the shock of his life when he scratched the \$100 Million Fortune scratch 'n win ticket he picked up at a Bruce Avenue convenience store March 27.

"I did a double-take when I saw that I'd won!" he said in a news release sent out by Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Friday.

"My head spun, and I started shaking ... I thought, 'Is this really happening?'"

Rice said he plans on using some of his winnings to pay bills, and might take a trip next winter, but he plans to put the biggest chunk of the money away for an early retirement.

"It'll help speed up my retirement," he said.

"It definitely takes a lot of bumps out of the road ahead."

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Donald Rice poses with his \$1 million cheque. CONTRIBUTED

The Playoff Anthem, without Adam Pardy



WHAT'S GOOD

Ace Burpee

I tried really hard to write a playoff anthem for the Winnipeg Jets and it seems to have come together.

It's called simply The Playoff Anthem and there are a ton of stories behind it.

For starters, all, not some, of the credit goes to Swing Adam (vocals) and Derek Grocholski (production). Without those two, it's just a bunch of words that don't even look like they rhyme on paper and it's all a big waste of time.

The song took me ages. I would write a bunch of stuff, delete it all, start over, go for a run and try and come up with something better ... and repeat.

I started writing the song a couple of months ago, and I'm one of those people who can easily convince myself that everything is my fault. So instead of thinking that by preemptively writing a song about the Jets making the playoffs and having my faith rewarded, all I could think about was that somehow I was going to

end up being responsible for a massive curse that I would have to keep a secret forever.

And despite the song's success, I have some regrets. Adam Lowry was in the song three separate times and three times, was cut in the studio when it was clear it wouldn't work. That is a fail.

My other biggest regret is that I had the greatest line ever in the original song I wrote and it never occurred to me once that none of it really rhymed. (See above reference to Derek and Swing Adam). It referenced Adam Pardy, who is my favourite player.

I left my favourite hockey player out of a hockey song I wrote. My apologies to Adam and all of Newfoundland.

Anyway, what's done is done. On to the next one. Go Jets Go!

Find Ace's hockey anthem on YouTube, where as of Sunday afternoon, it had garnered 82,000 views. Find Ace on Twitter @aceburpeeshow.

Ace Burpee is a writer, radio show host, producer and supporter of all things good.



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CHATHAM, ONT.

Police defuse alleged bomb plot

Police in southwestern Ontario say they've arrested a man who allegedly threatened to blow up the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

Chatham-Kent police say they were contacted by the RCMP on Friday to follow up on a threat allegedly made by a man in Chatham, Ont.

They say the man made a phone call to the Library of

Parliament and said he wanted to blow up Parliament as part of a "revolution."

Police say they arrested a 49-year-old man without incident on Friday afternoon.

The man is currently in custody and is facing one count of hoax – terrorist activity and one count of uttering threats.

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ENGLAND

Wife of 45 years asked to prove love

A Canadian woman hoping to spend her retirement years with her husband in England is on the verge of being kicked out of the country because officials are questioning the affection level in her 45-year marriage.

Maria Summers had her application for a visa formally declined in 2014 on the grounds that she and her husband David had not provided enough evidence to prove that their relationship was both ongoing and emotionally supportive.

The retired optician has appealed the unusual decision and says the stakes are high if it's declined.

The couple faces the prospect of selling their home in Hereford, England, consigning David's cancer-stricken mother to long-term care and relinquishing their long-held retirement plans if the U.K. border agency doesn't reverse its decision.

The ruling left the couple in the unusual position of trying to prove the strength of their emotional bond, Summers said, adding the paperwork for her appeal includes numerous photographs chronicling their decades as both partners and parents to a now 42-year-old son.

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David Summers and his wife Maria in a family photo.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper looks on as Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto speaks with Cuban President Raul Castro during the official leaders photo at the Summit of the Americas in Panama City on Saturday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper to reveal emissions targets

SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

PM to release long-awaited carbon goals before G7

Stephen Harper says Canada will unveil its targets for greenhouse-gas emissions before the G7 meetings in June.

Harper's remarks Saturday came after his government missed the March 31 target date for countries to

submit emissions-reduction pledges ahead of December's United Nations climate summit in Paris.

Speaking to reporters at the Summit of the Americas in Panama, the prime minister said Ottawa wanted to give the provinces a chance to have their own conference to discuss their emissions targets.

The provinces are to meet in Quebec City on Tuesday.

Harper said the federal government would like to see the outcome of provin-

cial talks before it releases its targets.

"Obviously we will be moving forward with our partners, not just in announcing targets but, as we've done in the past, continuing to support international climate-change financing," Harper said in Panama City, where he participated in the Summit of the Americas.

Harper said Canada will continue to support international climate-change financing.

The prime minister also

discussed climate change Saturday with Barack Obama, but he said the U.S. president did not ask him for a commitment on emissions.

"I think he knows, as everyone knows, that the government of Canada will, like all governments, announce its commitments, its particular targets prior to the Paris summit," Harper said.

The U.S. recently made a formal pledge to cut greenhouse-gas emissions by up to 28 per cent over the next decade. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Coast guard defends spill response

BRITISH COLUMBIA

'Lion's share' of toxic fuel is cleaned, official says



Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The Canadian Coast Guard is defending its response to the toxic bunker fuel spill in English Bay amid harsh criticism from politicians, claiming Sunday that only "half a litre" remains in the Burrard Inlet as crews worked to scrub the fuel from rocks and logs on beaches in Vancouver and on the North Shore.

Assistant Commissioner Roger Girouard told a news conference that, based on a Transport Canada flyover, the vast majority of the estimated 2,700-litre spill has been recovered, aside from any fuel that evaporated, washed ashore or sank to the seabed.

"We've captured the lion's share, I cannot say we captured it all, you never get it all," he



2,700 litres of toxic fuel spilled in English Bay in B.C. on Wednesday. Despite a communications problem, the coast guard says their response was adequate. CONTRIBUTED

said. It's still not known exactly how much fuel is missing from the MV Marathassa, making it impossible to calculate the actual percentage recovered.

The clean up prompted Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, who originally called the response "inadequate," to take

a more conciliatory tone on Sunday, complimenting the coast guard for its "great work" and "strong response" at an afternoon news conference.

"The mistakes and gaps happened early on and there's been a big improvement since then," Robertson said, adding

five hours to respond with a boom seems unreasonable to Vancouverites who expect a spill so close to Stanley Park to be attended to in minutes.

"What changed was the crews really kicked into gear and recovered a lot of oil on the water and prevented it

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from getting to the beaches," he said.

But Girouard admitted the communications at the outset of the emergency response were flawed due to a series of four or five human errors resulting in the City of Vancouver not learning about the spill for 13 hours.

The coast guard sent emails and made phone calls to a number of organizations, but the message or seriousness of the situation was either not passed along correctly or not understood, Girouard said, adding he shares Mayor Gregor Robertson's frustration with what unfolded.

The coast guard is already working to put better processes in place, Girouard said.

According to the mayor's office, Robertson met with the commissioner at the unified command centre on Saturday evening to discuss ways to improve communications.

Environment response crews are cleaning the oil off about a dozen birds found near Vanier Park. Girouard said there have been no confirmed cases of mammals being affected.

Scientists are also collecting baseline data to assess longer-term effects. The coast guard will eventually investigate the water column and the sea floor, although the fuel's properties make it unlikely to sink to the bottom. But first it must clean the 10 to 15 centimetres of tar off the ship's hull and replace the approximately 400-metre boom around the ship with a clean one.

Girouard remained adamant that the closure of the Kitsilano coast-guard station did not hinder the response. He said it would not have been called on for environmental response in this scenario and only had 100 metres of boom, contrary to statements from a former officer at the defunct base.

Mayor Robertson said after talking to the commissioner about the closure he still feels Vancouverites are concerned. More than 4,000 people have volunteered to help with the clean up, he said.

CELEBRITY

Ryan Reynolds not injured after hit-and-run in Vancouver, police say

Canadian-born superstar Ryan Reynolds was the victim of a hit-and-run at the Shangri-La Hotel on Friday, Vancouver police confirmed Sunday.

Reynolds, who is in town to film the action movie *Deadpool*, was not injured in the incident in the swanky hotel's parking lot, spokesman Const. Brian Montague confirmed in an email.

Montague had not been updated on the investigation and did not know if police had confirmed who the driver is, where he is or whether he had spoken to police. But the celebrity appears to have a sense of humour about the incident.

In response to a CBC reporter's Twitter request for Reynolds to call the newsroom to discuss how he is doing, Reynolds tweeted: "Put Beachcombers back on the air and I'll call."

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Ryan Reynolds
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INDIA

Fans and foes await PM Narendra Modi

Anticipation of an Indian prime minister's first visit to Canada in 42 years is building for fans and foes of Narendra Modi, who see him as either a rock star of economic development or a suppressor of minority rights.

Modi's three-day trip starting Tuesday is being billed by the Canadian Prime Minister's Office as an opportunity to broaden the trade relationship between the countries. Modi will attend official meetings in Ottawa before giving a speech at Ricoh Coliseum in Toronto and then visiting both Sikh and Hindu temples in Van-

couver and Surrey, B.C.

Balpreet Singh, spokesman for the World Sikh Organization of Canada, said the group is calling on Modi to address escalating attacks on minorities including Christians and Muslims in India.

Jatinder Singh Grewal of Sikhs For Justice said the group has asked Attorney General Peter MacKay to start legal proceedings against Modi, who was a chief minister in the Indian state of Gujarat in 2002, when minorities including Sikhs and Muslims were killed in riots.

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Ottawa Fury player attacked on flight

An Ottawa professional soccer team says one of its players was attacked on an Air Canada flight.

Graeme Ivory, a spokesman with the Ottawa Fury FC soccer club, said a passenger reached over his seat, without provocation, and "attempted to strangle one of our players with the cord of his headphones."

The incident occurred on an Air Canada flight from Toronto to Atlanta on Friday about 30

minutes before landing.

The player, forward Oliver Minatel, wasn't injured, Ivory said, but was shaken up.

Nearby passengers rushed to help and restrained the man for the rest of the flight.

An Air Canada spokesperson says the flight crew requested that police meet the flight, but that further comment would have to come from authorities in Atlanta. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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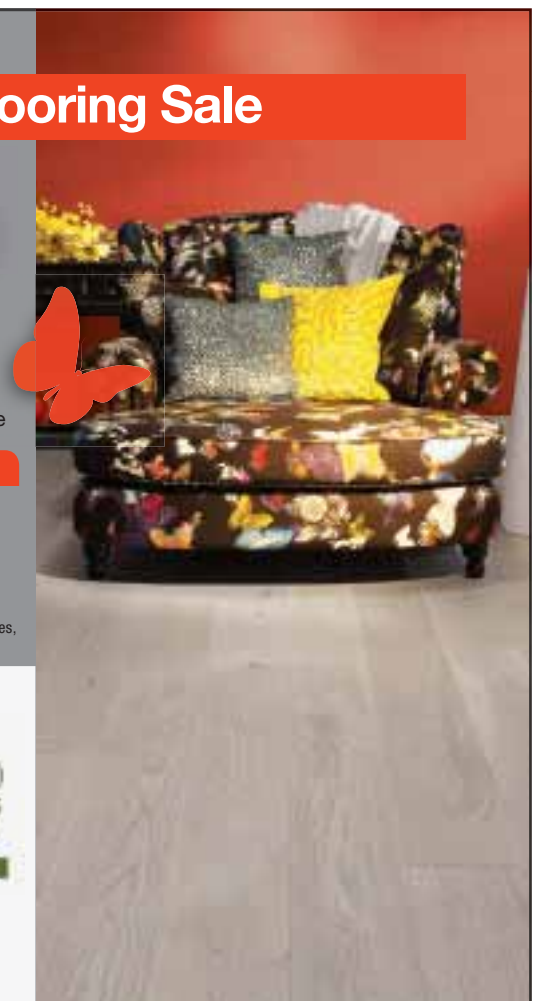
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U.S. POLITICS

Former First Lady could be first woman in the Oval Office

Hillary Rodham Clinton jumped back into presidential politics on Sunday, as a top adviser announced her much-awaited second campaign for the White House.

John Podesta, a top adviser to Clinton, told alumni of her first presidential campaign in an email: "It's official: Hillary's running for president."

If elected, Clinton would become the first woman to serve in the Oval Office.

Clinton enters the race in a strong position to succeed her rival from the 2008 campaign, President Barack Obama.

Her message will focus on strengthening economic security for the middle class and expanding opportunities for working families.

The campaign is portraying her as a "tenacious fighter" who can get results and work with Congress, business and world leaders.

Clinton's strategy, described ahead of the announcement by two senior advisers who requested anonymity to discuss her plans, has parallels to the approach Obama took in 2012. He framed his re-election as a choice between Democrats focused on the middle class and Republicans who sought to protect the wealthy and return to policies that led the country into recession.

Clinton will face pressure from the progressive wing of her party to adopt a more

populist economic message focused on income inequality. Some liberals remain skeptical of Clinton's close ties to Wall Street donors and the centrist economic policies of her husband's administration. They have urged her to back tougher financial regulations and tax increases on the wealthy.

"It would do her well electorally to be firmly on the side of average working people who are working harder than ever and still not getting ahead," said economist Robert Reich, a former labour secretary during the Clinton administration who has known Hillary Clinton for nearly five decades.

The GOP did not wait for her announcement to begin their campaign against her. The party's chairman, Reince Priebus, said that her election would be like giving Obama a "third term."

In the last half-century, the same party has held the White House for three consecutive terms only once, during the administrations of Republican Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Top: Hillary Clinton announces her candidacy. Bottom: Clinton with husband Bill and daughter Chelsea. TOP: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; BOTTOM: THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ BACKGROUND

Little-known Hillary facts

She began life as a committed Republican, inspired partly by her dad. At age 13, she travelled without her parents' permission to a rough Chicago area to investigate the Kennedy campaign for voter fraud.

She has French-Canadian ancestry. Her family tree includes the names Campeau,

Beadry, Lefebvre, Picard, Duguay, Boucher, Gagnon, Hebert and, like Quebec's current premier, Couillard.

She repeatedly rejected Bill Clinton's marriage proposals.

She failed a bar exam. She passed in Arkansas but failed in Washington.

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BRAZIL

Protests call out president

Tens of thousands of people took to the streets of Brazil on Sunday for anti-government demonstrations across the continent-sized country.

It was the second such day of protests in less than a month and comes as polls show President Dilma Rousseff, four months into her second term, with historically low approval ratings amid a corruption scandal at the state-run oil company, Petrobras, as well as a spluttering economy, a rapidly depreciating currency and political infighting.

The protest movement has been organized, mostly via social media, by a motley assortment of groups. Most call for Rousseff's impeachment but they are joined by others with demands ranging from looser gun-control laws to a military coup.

Helicopter TV images showed crowds of demonstrators, many of them dressed in the yellow and green colours of the Brazilian flag and brandishing placards reading "Dilma Out," congregating in the capital, Brasilia, and cities from Belem in the Amazon rainforest region to the southern city of Curitiba.

Still, the crowds seemed thinner than at the March 15 demonstrations, when more than 200,000 people turned out just in Sao Paulo, Brazil's economic capital and an opposition bastion. That rally was among the city's biggest since demonstrations in 1984 demanding the end of the military dictatorship.

Sao Paulo protester Renato Alves Pereira said he hoped the movement would succeed in ousting Rousseff.

"She must be impeached because she and the Workers' Party are responsible for all that is wrong with Brazil: corruption, inflation and unemployment on the rise, terrible public services like health, education," said the 34-year-old.

A survey released Saturday by the Folha de S.Paulo daily found that 63 per cent of Brazilians surveyed supported impeachment proceedings against Rousseff, while 33 per cent opposed them. The same poll, by Datafolha, showed Rousseff's approval ratings holding steady, with 13 per cent of respondents giving her a great or good rating while 60 per cent of respondents evaluated her performance as bad or terrible.

The survey of 2,834 people in 171 municipalities was conducted on Thursday and Friday and it has an error margin of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

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IRAQ

ISIL destroying ruins of Nimrud: Video

Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants hammered, bulldozed and ultimately blew up parts of the ancient Iraqi Assyrian city of Nimrud, destroying a site dating back to the 13th century B.C., an online militant video purportedly shows.

The destruction at Nimrud, located near the militant-held city of Mosul, came amid other attacks on antiquity carried out by the group now holding a third of Iraq and neighbouring Syria in its self-declared caliphate. The attacks have horrified archaeologists and UN Secretary-

General Ban Ki-moon, who last month called the destruction at Nimrud "a war crime."

The seven-minute video, posted late Saturday, shows bearded militants using sledgehammers, jackhammers and saws to take down huge alabaster reliefs depicting Assyrian kings and deities. A bulldozer brings down walls, while militants fill barrels with explosives and later destroy three separate areas of the site in massive explosions.

"God has honoured us in the Islamic State to remove all of these idols and statues wor-

shipped instead of Allah in the past days," one militant says in the video. Another militant vows that "whenever we seize a piece of land, we will remove signs of idolatry and spread monotheism."

The militants have been destroying ancient relics they say promote idolatry that violate their fundamentalist interpretation of Islamic law, including the ancient Iraqi city of Hatra. Authorities also believe they've sold others on the black market to fund their atrocities.

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An extremist takes a hammer to a relief. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRAN

Reporter accused of spying: Network

A Washington Post journalist detained in Iran for over eight months is accused of "espionage" and "acting against national security," the semiofficial Fars news agency reported Sunday.

The report did not elaborate on the source of the information, but the agency is regarded as close to Iran's hard-liners.

Iranian officials have previously said Jason Rezaian is facing "security" charges.

Rezaian, his wife and two photojournalists were detained on July 22 in Tehran. All were later released except Rezaian.

The Fars report alleged that Rezaian had obtained economic and industrial information from Iran and sold it to unnamed Americans. It also linked him to Omid Memarian, an independent Iranian journalist based in the U.S.

"Selling Iran's economic and industrial information at a time of sanctions is exactly like selling food to the enemy at a time of war," Fars claimed.

In an email, Memarian said he had been singled out in the Fars report because he has been outspoken about Rezaian's condition and innocence.

"Now that the Iranian intelligence has been incapable of presenting any proof that Jason did something wrong, they spread lies about him and his colleagues-friends to influence the upcoming court," Memarian said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The faithful gather inside St. Peter's Basilica on Sunday as Pope Francis celebrates an Armenian-Rite Mass to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Inset: Armenian Catholic patriarch Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni, left, greets Pope Francis. GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pope enrages Turks by recognizing genocide

VATICAN

Turkey recalls ambassador to Holy See after centenary Mass

Pope Francis on Sunday called the slaughter of Armenians by Ottoman Turks "the first genocide of the 20th century" and urged the international community to recognize it as such, sparking a diplomatic rift with Turkey.

Armenian President Serge Sarkisian, who attended a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica marking the 100th anniversary of the slaughter, praised the Pope for calling a spade a spade. But Turkey, which has long denied a genocide took place, recalled its ambassador to the Holy See in protest.

"The Pope's statement, which is far from historic and legal truths, is unacceptable," Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu tweeted. "Religious positions are not places where unfounded claims are made and

hatred is stirred."

Francis, who has close ties to the Armenian community from his days in Argentina, defended his pronouncement by saying it was his duty to honour the memory of the innocent men, women and children who were "senselessly" murdered by Ottoman Turks.

In a subsequent message, Francis called on all heads of state to recognize the truth to prevent such "horrors" from happening again and to oppose such crimes "without ceding to ambiguity or

“Concealing or denying evil is like allowing a wound to keep bleeding.”

Pope Francis

compromise."

Historians estimate that up to 1.5 million Armenians were killed by Ottoman Turks around the time of World War I. Turkey, however, has insisted

that the toll has been inflated and that those killed were victims of civil war and unrest, not genocide.

In a statement, the Foreign Ministry in Ankara said the Turkish people would not recognize the Pope's statement, "which is controversial in every aspect, which is based on prejudice, which distorts history and reduces the pains suffered in Anatolia under the conditions of the First World War to members of just one religion."

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Under a proposed class action settlement, those Settling Defendants are offering barriers intended to prevent burns from the hot glass fronts. Further information is below.

NOTICE* OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF A CLASS ACTION INVOLVING CERTAIN GAS BURNING FIREPLACES, FIREPLACE INSERTS AND STOVES

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CERTIFICATION

A lawsuit commenced in British Columbia has been certified as a class action against **CANADIAN HEATING PRODUCTS INC., MILES INDUSTRIES LTD., MONESSEN HEARTH CANADA, INC., and MONESSEN HEARTH SYSTEMS COMPANY** (doing business as **VERMONT CASTINGS GROUP**) (the "Settling Defendants"), by the Supreme Court of British Columbia (the "Court").

WHAT IS THE LAWSUIT?

It is an action concerning the risk of burns from contacting the hot glass fronts of some gas burning fireplaces.

WHAT IS THE SETTLEMENT?

Under a proposed settlement, the Settling Defendants have agreed to provide, free of charge, barrier screens or screen kits for certain of their Fireplaces to reduce the burn risk.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT?

All persons in British Columbia, plus all persons elsewhere in Canada who choose to "opt in", who have one of the Settling Defendants' gas fireplaces, inserts or stoves ("Fireplaces") in their home that was installed between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2014. Class Members shall **exclude** non-natural persons and those natural persons whose Fireplace is located outdoors or is in business or commercial use.

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Opt in requests **MUST BE SUBMITTED** within one year of notice that the Court has approved the settlement. If your request is not received in time it will not be considered valid.

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The following law firm represents the plaintiffs and the class, and will answer questions about the class action:

Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP
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Contact: fireplaceclassaction@farris.com
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Gold mine ramping up security after heist

MEXICO

Gunmen steal \$8.5 million from Canadian operation

The chief executive of McEwen Mining is beefing up security at the Canadian company's mine refinery in Mexico to make it as "impenetrable" as Fort Knox after a band of masked gunmen made off with \$8.5 million in gold.

"Everybody's a bit rattled by this," said Rob McEwen, recalling the early-morning

heist at the company's El Gallo 1 mine on Tuesday.

Three of the mine's security staff were driving to work in two separate cars when they were pulled over a short distance from the refinery by a crew of eight heavily armed robbers, McEwen said.

The gunmen bound and blindfolded the workers, taking their keys, identification, cellphones and cash.

"Somehow they knew who they were and had staked out an area and waited for them," said McEwen.

The robbers loaded the workers into a car and drove to the mine, where they entered

through a back gate.

They apprehended several more people in order to get access to all of the keys needed to get through the security gates and armoured doors at the site. "Everybody they captured was bound and blindfolded," said McEwen.

McEwen said the robbers had a good sense of the refinery's layout, as well as exactly which individuals had the keys that would allow them to get through certain gates.

Gerard Vargas Landeros, the interior minister of Mexico's western Sinaloa state, where the facility is located, said the heist was most likely an inside

job by either current or former employees.

The burglars loaded small parcels of gold concentrate — black powder that is melted in a furnace and made into partially refined gold bars — onto the back of a heavy-duty pickup truck and drove away, McEwen said. In total, they made off with 900 kilograms of concentrate, containing roughly 7,000 ounces of gold.

McEwen noted that the heist cast a shadow over what's otherwise been a good year for the facility. "Grades were up sharply, production was up, and then this happens."

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PAPER PRODUCTS

Separating chaff from wheat yields profit

A company plans to roll out a new line of tissues and paper towels this month that incorporates wheat straw and bamboo, which it hopes will give farmers a new market for what remains after the grain is harvested.

Kimberly-Clark Professional, which manufactures Kleenex and Scott brand products, says its new GreenHarvest line will blend in 20 per cent wheat straw, which it hopes will ease demand for the tree fibre and recycled paper it already uses.

Kimberly-Clark test-marketed its prototype products in Canada, Indiana and California before deciding on a full-scale rollout this year. The products will not be sold at retail stores, but will be offered directly to commercial customers such as sports venues and higher education institutions.

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Kimberly-Clark is unveiling a new line of tissues and towels that incorporates wheat straw and bamboo, a move the paper-products maker hopes will provide a rapidly renewable source of fibre and give farmers a new market for the plant residue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

WORKER SKILLS

Employers urged to spend on training

Canada's largest companies want employers to put more emphasis on training and making sure their employees' skills are up to date.

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives is using a conference in Ottawa on Monday to kick off what it hopes will become a national discussion on the importance of employers developing their workers' skills.

The effort is being spearheaded by Elyse Allan, the

president and CEO of GE Canada.

The council notes a recent Conference Board of Canada study that suggested the average Canadian employer only spends about two-thirds as much as U.S. companies on employee training and education.

Canada's largest companies are also looking at ways to help young Canadians make the jump from the classroom to the workplace.

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IN BRIEF

Clorox says sorry for tweet about new emoji collection

Clorox has apologized for a social media misstep after the maker of Clorox bleach and other household products sparked outrage by tweeting "where's the bleach" in reference to last week's introduction of new "emoji" cartoons for iPhones that include several faces of people with black and brown skin. Clorox says it was attempting a humorous reference to other emoji symbols for objects like toilets and bathtubs.

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Police pay hackers ransom to get their records back

Some Maine police agencies say they have had no other choice than to pay a ransom to computer hackers to get their police records back. Computers at the Lincoln County sheriff's office were infiltrated by a virus called ransomware. Police paid a ransom of about \$300 US to the creator of the virus to get the files back. The Houlton Police Department computers also were held hostage and ended up paying a ransom.

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Matt Porter's Metro

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Anti-GMO movement needs more than Goodall to take it mainstream

I wouldn't have gone if Jane Goodall hadn't been there.

In a small conference room in a Toronto hotel, Friday's event might have been one of her least attended.

It had little to do with chimps. Instead, Goodall came to lend her trusted status to a new book railing against genetically modified organisms in our food system.

It's a call that sounds as outdated as anti-war songs.

When even innovation seems like a dated word, there's a sense that modifying things, for better or worse, is just what we do. Take the three-parent babies now legal in the U.K., or cloud-seeding efforts to change the weather. It's been 20 years since GMO products first came to Canada, and our stores are full of them.

So I wanted to know if this icon could be a voice to popularize an old debate. I wanted to know if Goodall could make me care more about GMOs.

Author Steven Druker's book, *Altered Genes, Twisted Truth*, argues governments, scientists, industry and the media have been complicit in allowing GMO foods into our homes, without proof that they are safe. Health Canada says there is no evidence GMO foods are not safe. And Druker is being ignored.

Only two media outlets showed up to the event, a sign that editors don't think Canadians care. While one

poll showed 66 per cent of people in B.C. and 55 per cent in Alberta worry about modified food, few knew which products were GMO. Health Canada has refused to impose labelling, and I don't see mass rallies in the streets.

That's where Goodall could help. A powerhouse environmental brand in a petite frame, Goodall wrote the introduction to the book. She talked of animal studies showing damage to kidneys and livers after eating GMO foods, of scientists pilloried for their studies. Sometimes she lost track of what she was saying, then came around to her point again: GMO equals bad.

But her voice fell on a sparse crowd. The other speakers were longtime GMO activists who sounded at times frustrated, demanding a wider audience for their old worries.

I asked Goodall afterwards if she might be worried that instead of boosting the credibility of the anti-GMO movement, the movement might instead undermine her own.

"No," she said, "Because I've got the facts."

I admire her convictions, but I'm not sure Goodall will be the one to bring the message to the masses.

On stage, she fit all too well into the established GMO debate. It's been going on for a long time. And it will take someone or something more surprising than Goodall to make it new.

NDP using election law as an excuse for silence

INSIDE THE PERIMETER

Shannon VanRaes



Given a choice between banging my head against a brick wall and requesting information from the provincial government, the brick wall wins, hands-down — at least, until The Pas byelection wraps up on April 21.

Because the way the provincial government tells it — or rather has its staffers tell it — you'd think the kraken had headed inland, popped up from the prairie sod and was about to pull the whole legislature down to the Canadian Shield if anyone uttered a single word.

Only the kraken's real name is The Election Financing Act and it was created, enacted, revised and rewritten by the very NDP who now claim to be helplessly ensconced in its tentacles.

The basic intent of the act — to prevent government from promoting itself through advertising during election periods — is a good one. No one wants to see a

sitting government have an unfair advantage or leverage Crown corporations to win votes. It makes sense that the Manitoba government can't announce new spending or laud previous investments as voters get ready to go to the polls.

But both the wording and interpretation of the act as it relates to information and communication have created another problem, one that is less obvious and possibly more of a threat to democracy.

The perhaps unintended consequence of The Election Financing Act is that it also allows sitting governments to obfuscate, avoid or quell scandal, and generally deny the public information it might require to make informed choices when casting ballots.

No better example of this can be found in the continued silence of Premier Greg Selinger. Since hanging onto the premier's office by the slimmest of margins last month, he's been a ghost. No appearances, no interviews, no scrums and conveniently no opportunity to address the

future of his leadership — all attributed to the ongoing information blackout.

And it's not just our elected representatives who are keeping mum, you-know-what rolls downhill and every far-flung bureaucrat no matter how apolitical has seemingly been stifled by a fear of providing information to the media, and by proxy, the public.

Should someone actually divulge any banal informational tidbit, expect it to be vetted to the Nth degree.

They simply aren't talking: not about health care, not about honeybees, nor permits, not statistics, nothing. Should someone actually divulge any banal information tidbit, expect it to be vetted to the Nth degree.

But it doesn't have to be this way. The NDP government has the power to amend The Election Financing Act, to

fix this problem and restore transparency during election periods. Or, it could take the short road and move toward a reasonable interpretation of the law.

Oh course, that isn't going to happen. The NDP have already run afoul of the act more than once and changing it now would leave them open to fresh criticism. In the words of one political staffer, "the opposition has us under, like, five lenses right now."

Indeed it does, but others are also taking a closer look. If Selinger and the NDP want to have a real shot at the 2016 election, they need to focus on more than the opposition; they need focus on good governance.

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THINGS WE MISS ABOUT THE TELEPHONE CALL

Way back in the day, Alexander Graham Bell patented the telephone. For more than 100 years people would ring each other up to chat. Then along came the smartphone, and now we communicate via text, Snapchat, Instagram posts and Facebook comments. Here are 5 things Metro misses about a simpler time.

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1 Giving us the heebie-jeebies

When Drew Barrymore leaves the Jiffy Pop on the stove to answer the ringing phone in the 1996 horror flick *Scream*, you know it's not going to end well. Scary movies long used ringing phones as a way to build suspense. Having the bad guy furiously typing mean texts to the heroine just wouldn't have the same dramatic impact.



3 Your refrigerator is running...

Calling your classmates or complete strangers to ask "Is your refrigerator running?" used to be a rite of passage. You'd then tell them "Well, you better go catch it!," hang up, and roll around on the floor laughing with friends.

Bart on *The Simpsons* popularized the pastime with his many calls to Moe the Bartender. In retrospect, many of those pranks weren't really that funny, but nothing gave kids a quick thrill quite like a prank call.



4 Girl talk

Once upon a time having more than one phone line was every teen's dream. Multiple lines could be used for evil. In the 2004 comedy *Mean Girls*, featuring a fresh-faced Lindsay Lohan, the three-way call was used as a way to pick on each other. But, multiple lines could also be used for good, like when *LiLo* uses the tool to get back at the awful Regina George.

5 The mating game

In the 1984 movie *Sixteen Candles*, Molly Ringwald's grandparents fail to pick up a call from her crush until it's too late. She gets her fairy-tale ending, anyway. Back in the '80s, if a boy or girl liked you they were expected to woo you by working up the courage to call, then hold a meaningful conversation. In 2015, you're more likely to get a generic text that he's sent to five other girls reading: "SuP.Free?"



2 Leave a message and I'll call you back

Phones have inspired many great tunes over the years. The song 867-5309/Jenny by Tommy Tutone, released in late 1981, drove a generation of teens to call the number and ask for Jenny. Other amazing songs inspired by the landline: Hello by Lionel Richie and Spiderwebs by No Doubt. There's no doubt Carly Rae Jepsen's *Call Me Maybe* does not hold a candle to these classic songs about phone calls.

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Julia Louis-Dreyfus on Selina Meyer: 'I wouldn't vote for her'

HBO'S VEEP

Actress talks being the worst presidential candidate ever

Julia Louis-Dreyfus sits opposite you in a skyscraper office with a view of the Empire State Building on one of those bright spring mornings when even Manhattan looks clean.

She radiates confidence from those sparkling eyes that television fans have been watching for 33 years now and willingly explains her secret.

"At the end of the day, life is short and you have to enjoy what you're doing. I do."

Her hit series, *Veep*, started its fourth season Sunday night on HBO Canada. Before that, of course, she made her mark on Saturday Night Live, *Seinfeld* and *The New Adventures of Old Christine*, a career that's left her with an impressive 18 Emmy nominations and five wins.

She's currently playing Selina Meyer, a vice-president of stupefying ineptitude, who was suddenly elevated to the most powerful elected office in the world at the end of last season.

What makes this season particularly interesting is that, as the 2016 U.S. presidential race starts gearing up, a woman is running for president.

"I'm thrilled by the synchronicity of it all," says Louis-Dreyfus, even though she's



Julia Louis-Dreyfus plays Selina Meyer on the hit show *Veep*. COURTESY HBO CANADA

the first to admit that Selina Meyer "is possibly the worst presidential candidate ever."

"She's a terrible person, she's a terrible leader, she's unkind to the people who work for her. She's a terrible mother and yet, and yet, I love her. Yeah, I love playing her, but I wouldn't vote for her."

And she isn't the slightest

bit worried that people might use Selina as a machete to chop away at the possible viability of a female president.

"I believe people are smarter than that. I'm just trying to be funny. I'm not making a comment on female politicians. I'm playing a funny character. Period." RICHARD OUZOUNIAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SEINFELD

The origins and evolution of Elaine Benes

In the process of shooting *Seinfeld*'s first pilot, the creators decided the show needed a female character for its dysfunctional men to spark off of. And Larry David recalled Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who became Elaine Benes.

As an integral part of one of the most successful TV series in history, she sheepishly admits today she didn't think it would be a success.

"I thought it would be a cool show. To be honest with you, I thought it was too cool. I didn't think it could survive. I thought people would be too stupid to catch on to it," she says. "I was wrong."

She jokingly refers to her character's evolution over the years. "Elaine went from angry to angrier to angriest. A nice arc. But, seriously, I'm happy to be remembered for anything from *Seinfeld*."

Even Elaine's notorious inability to dance?

"Okay, sometimes the dance thing is a little bit cringey, because when I go to a wedding or a party I feel eyes on me because they're waiting for me to dance badly ... and I don't. I dance very well." RICHARD OUZOUNIAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Kris Abel

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A beautiful Northern tale inspires a video game, a great app for finding clothes from movies, cocktail recipes and a reward-based fitness app — check out this week's best downloads.

VIDEO GAMES

Never alone

- Xbox One/PS4/PC/Mac
- Rating: Everyone 10+

Lost in an Alaskan blizzard, a young girl finds help from an Arctic fox in this evocative platform adventure that speaks of isolation, camaraderie and personal resilience. A recounting of a traditional Inupiaq tale as a stellar co-operative game.



ENTERTAINMENT

Spotlight

- iPhone
- Free

Using your phone's microphone, this app will listen to and identify the TV show or movie you're watching and then find matches for the clothes worn by characters from online stores. Works with many, but not all shows.



FOOD & DRINK

Highball

- iPhone
- Free

This cocktail recipe management app doesn't come with any drinks. Instead, the idea is to add your own recipes and collect others thanks to a simple card organization system that makes it easy to share recipes through Twitter or Facebook using QR codes.

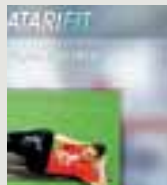


FITNESS

AtariFit

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By tracking your runs, steps or workouts, this app will unlock classic video game rewards including Pong, Centipede and Super Breakout. That you can skip the workouts and just buy the games if you're feeling lazy doesn't seem too helpful.



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"The optimist sees the donut, the pessimist sees the hole."

I grew up hearing that saying all the time. You know what I learned about optimism and pessimism as I grew? If you plan like a pessimist, you can live like an optimist. Having imagined the worst that can happen — and planned for it — you can forget about it!

People don't like to think about the crap that can blow out of the west with no notice. Houses burn down. People get sick. Loved ones die. You can stick your head in the sand and repeat, "Bad things don't happen to good people," over and over, but it won't make it true.

That's why you need the Pessimist's Plan: Enough of the right kind of insurance, a will, and powers of attorney. Putting a Pessimist's Plan in place means that you've taken care of the what-ifs so you can focus on the here and now.

The cheapest you'll ever get your insurance is when you're young, healthy and don't need it. Buying life insurance when you're 35 or 40 is expensive and narrows down your options. Buying disability insurance after you're 35 is almost impossible: You'll have picked up

some physical disqualifiers and your premiums will be astronomical.

Just imagine how you'll live if you get sick, can't work a full week anymore, and still have a family to feed and a mortgage to pay? Having enough of the right kind of insurance is the responsible, grown-up thing to do.

Here are some questions you need to have answers for when trying to decide how much and which kind of insurance to buy:

What do you want your life insurance to do for you?

- Pay for your funeral?
- Pay off your outstanding mortgage balance or other debts?
- Offset the loss of your income? For how long?
- Fund your kids' education?

Who do you want to insure?

- You can get a life insurance policy on your own life, or you can get one policy for both you and your spouse (referred to as a joint life policy), which pays when the first partner dies, leaving the life insurance benefit to the survivor.

How long will you need insurance?

- When will your mortgage or other debts be paid off? The amortization per-

iod of your mortgage will often determine how long your term life insurance policy should be.

- When will your family no longer be dependent on your income? No dependents may mean way less insurance.
- When will your children be finished school? One day they'll finish their education and having enough coverage to pay their educational expenses won't be necessary.
- When are you planning to retire? You will have less income to replace at that time.

Okay, that's the insurance stuff. Now on to the pessimist's estate plan.

Did you know that more than half of Canadians don't have a will. Really? You're never going to die? Or is it that God is holding YOU by

Under 35

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your pompom? Grow up. Without a will, you have no say on who gets your money. Without a will, you can't plan to minimize your taxes. Without a will, you're leaving your family in the lurch. And without legally executed

"The optimist sees the donut, the pessimist sees the hole."



powers of attorney, you won't have anyone who can speak on your behalf if you didn't have the good luck to die.

Many people see estate planning — making a will and powers of attorney — as a rich folks' activity. With all that money to divide and all those squabbling heirs to quiet, a plan is a must-have. Yes, rich people do pay a lot of attention to how their affairs will be handled when they can't do the bossing around any more. And if you want to take a page from their book, you might want to look at what could happen if you don't pay attention.

Do you need a lawyer? Yes. Yes. Yes. I know there are will kits available. I know they are cheap. But you know what they say: You get what you pay for. Estate planning is full of complicated and opaque language so if you

don't have an expert who specializes in legal gobbledegook, you may not get what you need.

If you're still hesitating about creating an estate plan because you don't want to spend the money, know that whatever you think you're saving today you'll more than make up for in taxes and fees later on.

A good estate plan will distribute your assets tax-efficiently, while minimizing fees. It takes some thinking. It can be a little unnerving. But it'll also make it easier on those you leave behind. So do it!

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How to fight an aural assault

ADVICE

Solutions for dealing with music not Taylor-made to your liking

URBAN ETIQUETTE

Ellen Vanstone



Dear Ellen, I am not a Taylor Swift fan, but I find I can hum along to Blank Space thanks to people listening to it at full volume through their headphones on the bus every day. How do I politely ask people to turn it down?
—Darren in Winnipeg

I feel your pain. Next to nose and mouth leakage (i.e., coughing and sneezing), headphone leakage is one of the most annoying habits on public transit.

You could politely initiate a discussion (“I can hear you’re

listening to Blank Space, but I’d like to talk to you about a little something called personal space”), but it’s always dicey trying to school strangers in proper etiquette, let alone in a confined space on a bus in Winnipeg in April where everybody’s coat smells funny after a long winter that you just know ain’t over yet.

Note also that you’re dealing with a Taylor Swift fan, a particularly rabid breed, who, if they’re anything like Ms. Swift herself, will react with violent emotion.

At best, you’ll undergo a sound tweeting when they pull out their device and complain about your complaint.

At worst, your complaint will come to Ms. Swift’s attention and — given her propensity to write defensive counterattacks masquerading as light-hearted pop — you’ll soon find yourself on the bus listening to a song about haters in The Peg:

*Got a long list of non-fans
They’ll tell you I’m insane
But I know what bus you’re on, baby
And I’ll find out your name.*

QUICK CRITIC



Despite the lyrics, Taylor doesn’t really Shake It Off

Swift’s Shake It Off song/video is hilarious, because the millions she spent on making it is the exact opposite of shaking off criticism — it’s a long, defensive, pseudo-satirical diatribe against her critics.

But let’s not pick on Ms. Swift here, who donates large sums to such causes as child literacy and anti-LGBT discrimination, and who is not the selfish, oblivious oaf on your bus bleeding sappy music into your headspace.

For this situation, my advice is: If you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em. You now know the song, so sing along! Don’t worry about getting the lyrics right!

Try: *New money, student tie, and, Got a lonely Starbucks lovers and, Cause we’re young and we’re legless.*

Or sing along to your own music — say, E.T. by Katy Perry with extra emphasis on Kanye’s intro:

*I got a dirty mind
I got filthy ways
I’m tryna bathe my ape
In your milky way.*

As a last resort, use this column. And no, I don’t mean roll up the newspaper and whack the oafs. I mean read it aloud, to your own inner music.

Here are some lyrics for you: *I can hear your headphones, baby.*

*And it’s driving me insane
Gonna share my own tones, baby, for as long as we ride this train.*

(Yes, I know you’re on a bus, Darren, it’s metaphorical! Just go with it, OK?)

Need advice? Email Ellen at life@metronews.ca



Annoyed by the oaf blasting Swift pop tunes on the bus? Maybe read this column aloud to your own inner music. ISTOCK

TECHNOLOGY

Domain .sucks stirs up controversy and concerns

The new Internet domain .sucks has stirred up a firestorm over free online speech and the potential for extortion against companies and individuals.

The company operating this new domain claims it is “designed to help consumers find their voices,” and its promotional video goes as far as to appropriate clips from a Martin Luther King Jr. speech. “The word sucks is now a protest tool, and it’s up to people to give it more meaning,” says U.S. consumer advocate Ralph Nader in the video.

But critics see it as a shake-down scheme designed to force companies and individuals to fork over cash to keep an unfavourable or offensive website offline.

So far, purchased names include Youtube.sucks, Bing.sucks, Visa.sucks, Bankofamerica.sucks, Yahoo.sucks, Telus.mobility.sucks and other major brand names.

What has fueled concerns is that the domain registrar, a Canadian-based company called Vox Populi, is charging \$2,500 for the website names — far more than a typical website registration of \$10 to \$25 — before the names are opened to the public on June 1.



The Canadian company operating the .sucks domain claims it’s empowering consumers but businesses disagree. SCREENSHOT

The Intellectual Property Constituency, an advisory group to the global Internet domain regulator, complained last month that the “exorbitant sums” are effectively a “shake-down scheme” to get money from companies and others.

After the June 1 deadline, online trolls or “cybersquatters” could buy up the names and then extort even higher prices, according to the group which includes film, software and music industry associations and other trademark organizations.

The group last month urged the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), which manages the domain system, to stop the .sucks domain before it goes live.

But ICANN says it lacks the authority to look into questions of pricing or other abuses and that it does not interfere with online free speech.

“We do not get into the content or the business model or the pricing of a registry,” said Akram Atallah, who heads ICANN’s global domains division.

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Wesmen sport camps deliver

Summer is fast approaching and the University of Winnipeg Wesmen are preparing to host the annual Wesmen Summer Sport Camps. The camps allow members of the community to get their children involved in a variety of sports that the Wesmen have offered for more than 40 years.

Basketball camps that teach skill progression, offensive and defensive play, as well as team concept and competition will once again be available for boys and girls in a variety of age and skill levels. Volleyball developmental and elite camps are on the schedule for 2015. These camps include top-notch, on-court instruction, as well as off-court training that includes agility, cross-training, and strength and conditioning sessions.

Soccer camps that are structured for children in grades 1-6 (mini kickers), as well as developmental and elite camps for those athletes looking to take their game to the next level will be offered and will take place in the new Health and RecPlex on the campus of the University of Winnipeg.

Also on this year's schedule are wrestling camps. These co-ed camps are designed for individuals who want an introduction to wrestling, or those looking to improve or gain first-hand training to continue their participation in the sport. The sessions will



also take place in the Health and RecPlex.

Fun and skill development are delivered in an equal mix throughout each session. All campers receive a Wesmen camp shirt, a basketball, volleyball or soccer ball and a family ticket to attend a Wesmen regular-season home game.

"Our Wesmen summer camps have been



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a source for young athletes to develop their skills and at the same time have fun as they learn," says University of Winnipeg athletic director Doran Reid. "I am very confident that the instructors working this year's Wesmen sport camps are quality coaches that will deliver that great experience. I don't think you will be disappointed when you learn to play the Wesmen way."

The 2015 University of Winnipeg Summer Sport Camps will take place in July and August. To register, or for more information, visit wesmen.ca or call 204-786-9418.



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Paul Maurice has boosted the Jets into the playoffs in his first full season as the team's head coach. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Leading the Jets to new heights

NHL

Maurice able to motivate players and achieve success

It was almost a month after Paul Maurice was hired to coach the Winnipeg Jets when his boss received further proof he was the right man for the job.

The Jets had just lost in a shootout to the St. Louis Blues on the road and players were heading off in all directions for the 2014 Olympic break.

General manager Kevin Cheveldayoff was there to help with travel arrangements and made a rare appearance in the

post-game dressing room.

"How he left the players, their state of mind after that conversation going into the break, the confidence that he gave that group after a tough loss like that, was amazing," Cheveldayoff said Saturday, during Winnipeg's 5-1 victory over Calgary.

"The transformation of the guys walking off the ice, to what they were walking out of there in their suits, it was a real eye-opener. To know how he thinks, how he's able to motivate, how he's able to get guys to rally, it was a pretty impressive thing."

What Maurice has been able to do since then has also been impressive, and surprising to many.

Despite injuries to key players, question marks about goaltending and both hot and cold stretches, he's guided the Jets (43-26-13) into the playoffs for the first time since the Atlanta Thrashers organization relocated to Winnipeg in 2011.

The Jets face the Ducks (51-24-7) in the first round, beginning with games Thursday and Saturday in Anaheim. They host Anaheim on April 20 in what will be the first playoff

99

With their 5-1 win over the Flames on Saturday, the Jets (43-26-13) finished the regular season with a franchise-record 99 points.

“

They've been with us all year and they've been unbelievable. I think playoffs will just hit that next level for sure.

Mark Scheifele on Jets fans' level of excitement

game in Winnipeg since 1996. Maurice deflected any personal praise after the team finished the regular season with 99 points.

"We did a good job separating what was our job and what was (the players') job ..." Maurice said. "So we did our job, but far more importantly is the players took the things that they were responsible for and handled them."

The players will say Maurice's motivational skills and hockey smarts have been the

driving force since he replaced Claude Noel on Jan. 12, 2014.

"Right from the first day that we saw him, you could tell just how he can just command an audience," said centre Mark Scheifele.

"He's such a strong talker and he's just so confident. He oozes confidence to his players. He's just a smart guy. He understands the game so well and he knows when you start panicking, that's when you get into trouble."

"He's definitely the best

coach I've ever had. I've learned so much."

Maurice, 48, coached his 1,201st NHL game on Saturday, a career that included stints with the Carolina Hurricanes/Hartford Whalers and Toronto Maple Leafs.

Veteran Jets defenceman Jay Harrison, acquired in a December trade with Carolina, was happy to reunite with Maurice. He'd played under him with the Leafs and Hurricanes.

"He has a great balance of the ability to motivate and that personal connection to the team, as well as the Xs and the Os," Harrison said. "There are a lot of unique personalities in this room and it takes a certain individual to be able to understand how to approach each one." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Bubba Watson helps Jordan Spieth into the green jacket, after Spieth won the Masters on Sunday in Augusta, Ga.

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Spieth has first and last word at Masters

GOLF

Texan realizes his 'ultimate goal' at age 21

Jordan Spieth got more than redemption and a green jacket Sunday. He took his place among the best in the game with a Masters victory for the ages.

One year after Spieth lost a bid to become the youngest Masters champion, the 21-year-old Texan turned in one of the most dominant wins ever at Augusta National. He never let anyone get closer to him than three shots after his record start. He never gave anyone much hope on Sunday.

Spieth closed with a 2-under 70, missing a five-foot par putt on the final hole that would have set yet another record. Instead, he tied

+ RECORD BOOK REWRITES

Jordan Spieth will keep the editors of the Masters record book busy. Among the marks he established this week:

- The 36-hole record at 14-under 130.
- The 54-hole record at

16-under 200.

- The most birdies for the tournament at 28.
- The lowest opening round by a champion, at 64.
- The youngest player to lead after the opening round.

the score set by Tiger Woods in 1997 at 18-under 270.

"This was the ultimate goal in my golf life," Spieth said.

For all the talk about the Grand Slam bid by Rory McIlroy and the return of Woods, this week was about the arrival of another star.

"It's awfully impressive," McIlroy said after finishing fourth. "It's nice to get your major tally up and running at an early stage in your career. It's great to see, great for the game, and I'm sure

there will be many more."

Spieth became the first wire-to-wire winner at the Masters since Raymond Floyd in 1976, and this might have been even more special. Craig Woods in 1941 is the only other Masters champion who led by at least three shots from the opening round to the trophy presentation.

Phil Mickelson tried to make a run. So did Justin Rose. Neither got closer than three shots at any point, and it wasn't long before Spieth

was making another birdie putt to take the drama out of the back nine.

Mickelson (69) and Rose (70) tied for second. It was the 10th time Mickelson has been runner-up in a major.

Spieth won for the third time on the PGA Tour and fifth time worldwide. He will rise to No. 2 in the world rankings, still a ways to go to catch McIlroy at the top. When McIlroy won back-to-back majors last year to establish himself as the game's best player, the quest was to find a rival.

Spieth provided the answer on perhaps the biggest stage in the sport.

"I thought today might be easier having played with the lead on Saturday. It wasn't," Spieth said. "It's the most incredible week of my life. This is as great as it gets in our sport.... I'm still kind of in shock a little bit."

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1. Dust the chicken with flour. In a large, hot skillet add oil and chicken. Brown the chicken on all sides. Set the chicken aside.

2. Respray the pan with cooking oil. Add the sausage and cook for 5 minutes. Remove from the pan and drain the fat. Set aside.

3. Wipe out the pan and respray. Cook the onions and garlic for 4 minutes. Stir in the bell peppers and cook for 3 minutes. Stir in the rice and cook for 1 minute. Add the sausage, chicken stock, tomatoes, basil, oregano, bay leaf, saffron (if using), salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Cover, lower the heat to a simmer and cook for 25 minutes, stirring occasionally.

4. If the shrimp are large or jumbo, cut them in half. Add the shrimp, mussels and reserved chicken to the sausage mixture. Increase the heat to medium-high and cook for 5 minutes, or until the rice is soft and the mussels have opened. (If the rice begins to stick to the bottom, add another ½ cup stock.) Garnish with parsley.

Ingredients



- 12 oz skinless boneless chicken breast (about 3 breasts), cubed
- 3 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 6 oz mild Italian sausage, cut into ½-inch pieces
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 cup short-grain arborio rice
- 2½ cups chicken stock
- 2 cups chopped plum tomatoes
- 2 tsp dried basil
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ tsp crumbled saffron threads (optional)
- pinch salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 6 oz peeled and deveined shrimp
- 12 mussels, scrubbed and beards removed
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 407 • Protein 49 grams
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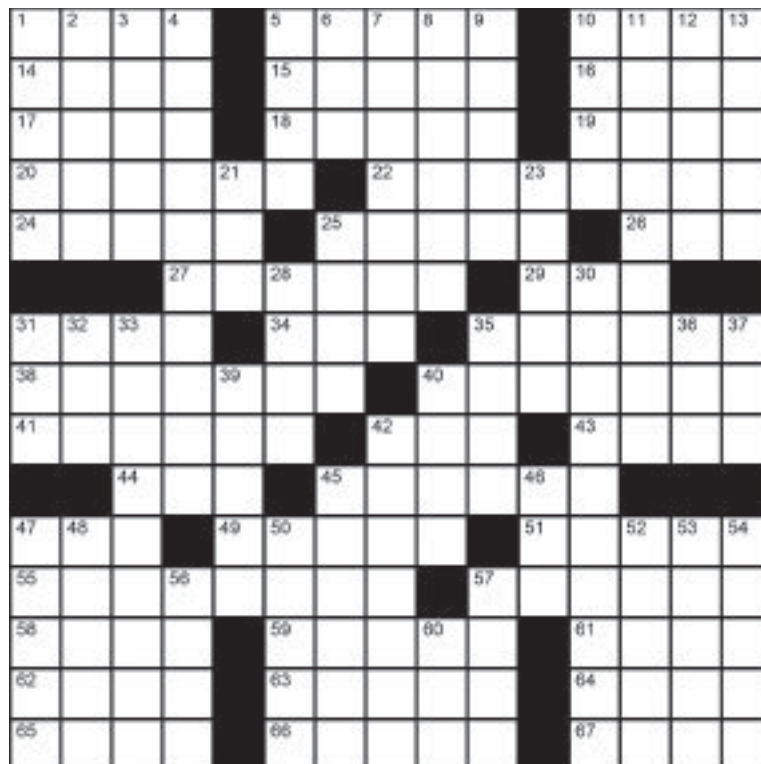
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- J' _____ (Dior perfume)
- Origin
- Current novel by Marilynne Robinson
- 1964 British Invasion reaction
- Per
- Earthquakes
- Jeans brand
- _____ male
- Sheriff-organized group
- Mr. Holbrook
- 2007 to 2012 Canadian sitcom, "Little _____ on the Prairie"
- Air hero
- Shark sort
- Flub
- Workers, informally
- Fancy shirts
- Mischievous creature of folklore
- Lawn care brand
- Game: French
- "_____ my Anna-bell Lee..." - Edgar Allan Poe
- Repeated-word dance
- HS class: 2 wds.
- Watering hole
- Toyota hybrid car
- Intimidate an op-



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- _____ blue
- New Edition's "Cool _____"
- Baseball figs.

- Actress Ms. Philipps
- _____ Lumpur, Malaysia
- "_____ you can't guess..."
- Sailed expanses
- "It's Your Thing" by The _____ Brothers
- Cut back

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- Wood variety
- Projecting window
- Ottawa bloomer
- "Walkin' on the Sun": 1997 hit for what American band?: 2 wds.
- NFL team
- US teeth docs org.
- Montreal greeting
- Song-like
- Ozzy Osbourne's "No More _____"
- Region
- California music festival
- Canadian

- model Coco
- Wife of President Kennedy's brother Bobby
- Psychodelic suit jacket
- "The Wreck of the Mary _____" (1959)
- O thru T letters
- Spots
- For Better or for Worse: 2 wds.
- "Haven't Met You Yet" singer ...his initials-sharers
- Tavern fare, briefly
- Lake _____ (Dam-created reservoir on the BC/Montana border)
- "Charmed" sister
- German article
- Noise [abbr.]
- Creed front-man Scott
- Tiara gleamers
- Quebec newspaper, Le _____ de Montreal
- Break
- Prefix to 'centre'
- Medicine cabinet items
- Star, as curiosity
- Flow-of-energy therapy
- Elated sound for cartoon guy Fred!
- Ye olde town announcer
- Hurriedness
- Articulates
- Influence opinion
- Grand _____ Opry

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♈ **Aries** March 21 - April 20
Your passion for an issue or cause of some kind will inspire you to give of your best today. You certainly won't give ground to those you disagree with so strongly.

♉ **Taurus** April 21 - May 21
The Sun in Aries at this time of year tends to bring forth self-doubt but the good news is that the Sun will be moving into your sign in a week's time and then your confidence will return.

♊ **Gemini** May 22 - June 21
If you want to make a difference in the world then you must push your ego to one side and learn to work with other people. You can't do it all on your own.

♋ **Cancer** June 22 - July 23

Try not to be too cynical about what is going on around you. Some people can be so negative in the way they look at the world but there is no reason why you should join them.

♌ **Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
A week from now the Sun moves into the career area of your chart, so start making plans about how you want things to develop on the work front.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Other people cannot give you success and security - these are things that only you can bring into your life. What happens today will give you the chance to question if you are on the right track.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It may be time to get yourself free

of a relationship that used to hold you up but is now holding you back. Only you can choose what your next step is going to be but be decisive.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your enthusiasm for your work and for life in general will impress important people today. As far as you are concerned, a job worth doing is a job worth doing well but if others want to praise you for it you're not going to complain.

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your powers of persuasion are at a peak and somehow you will know just what to say and just how to say it for maximum effect. Whatever you want over the next few days you will get.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

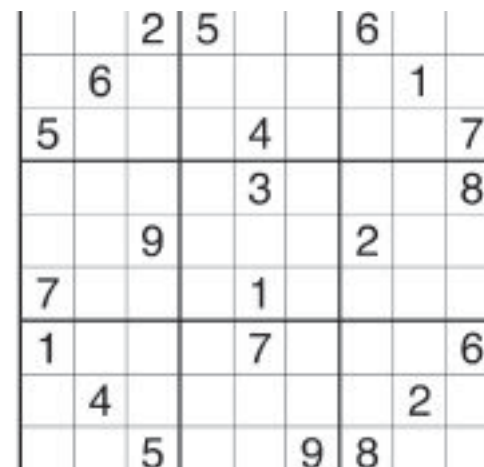
Try not to attach too much importance to what you hear from a friend or work colleague today because there is every chance they don't know what they are talking about.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your attitude towards a belief or opinion you had previously dismissed as ridiculous will change over the next 24 hours. Something will happen to make you wonder if maybe it was you who got it wrong. You're not infallible after all.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
What those around you say is going on may not be what is really going on, so use your Pisces powers of perception to find out what the true story is.

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